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January 10, 2013

Thank you for attending the public hearing open house for project Nos. CSSTP-0007-00(694), CSSTP-0006-00(877) & CSMSL-0006-00(293), P.I. Nos. 0007694, 0006877 & 0006293, the proposed Newnan Bypass Southeast Segment. In this handout package you will find a brief description of the project need and purpose, a summary of the project environmental study, project description, information on right-of-way acquisition, location map, and comment card.

As you enter the room, you will notice displays of the proposed project. Representatives from the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT), and Coweta County Development and Engineering are available to discuss the project and answer your questions. Please take this opportunity to discuss the project with these representatives. There will be no formal presentation.

A court reporter will be available for those persons who would like to make a verbal statement about the project. You may also complete a comment card and deposit it into the box provided here, or send in written comments about the project until Monday January 21, 2013. Written comments should be sent to Mr. Glenn Bowman, P.E., State Environmental Administrator, Georgia Department of Transportation, 600 West Peachtree Street NW, 16th Floor, Atlanta, Georgia 30308. Comments can also be made via the web at www.dot.ga.gov. Click on **Public Outreach** from the **Information Center** dropdown menu at the top right side of the page. All comments will be made a part of the project record. We hope you will take advantage of one of these opportunities to let GDOT know your view of the proposal.

The displays and plans will be available for review for ten days after the public hearing open house at the Georgia Department of Transportation LaGrange Area Office located at 1107 Hogansville Road, LaGrange, Georgia 30241, and at the Coweta County Development and Engineering Department located at 21 East Washington Street, Newnan, Georgia 30263.

A copy of all comments received will be available for public review at these same locations and at the Georgia Department of Transportation, Office of Environmental Services, 600 West Peachtree Street NW, 16th Floor, Atlanta, Georgia 30308, as soon as compilation is completed.

Again, thank you for attending this public information open house and for giving us your comments. If you should have any questions or need additional information, feel free to contact the project manager Adam Smith at 706-621-9704 or Larry Bowman at 404-631-1362 of the Office of Environmental Services.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Glenn Bowman" with a stylized flourish at the end.

Glenn Bowman, P.E.
State Environmental Administrator

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Attachments

SUMMARY OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT FOR
Newnan Bypass Southeast Segment
CSSTP-0007-00(694), CSSTP-0006-00(877) & CSMSL-0006-00(293), Coweta County,
P.I. NOS. 0007694, 0006877 & 0006293

In compliance with the 1969 National Environmental Policy Act, the Georgia Department of Transportation has conducted an assessment of the social, economic and environmental effects for the proposed construction of the Newnan Bypass Southeast Segment between SR 16 and Turkey Creek Road where the existing Newnan Bypass terminates. The project includes widening of SR 16 from an existing two lane road to a five lane section from the existing intersection with US 29/27 Alt./SR 14 to I-85 overpass, and would also construct improvements at the intersection of SR 16, US 29/27 Alt./SR 14, and Pine Road. The following information gives a summary of the environmental document.

No residential units or businesses would be displaced by the proposed project. The roadway would be placed closer to some residences and businesses, and loss of yard area will occur. However, owners would be compensated for these losses.

In accordance with Executive Order 11990, the proposed project was surveyed for wetland and stream involvement. Three jurisdictional wetlands, and seven jurisdictional streams were identified within the project's area of potential effect (APE). It is estimated that 1.5 acres of wetlands and 1,066 linear feet of streams would be impacted by the proposed project.

In accordance with Executive Order 11988, the proposed project was surveyed for floodplain involvement. The proposed project would encroach upon the floodplain associated with Turkey Creek and an adjacent unnamed tributary. Construction of the project could require the placement of fill material in the 100-year floodplain of these waters. The project would be designed in such a way that it would have no significant encroachment on this floodplain. The project would not have an adverse effect on water quality within the project corridor. A U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Section 404 permit would be required for this project.

The proposed project would not exceed state and federal air quality standards, and it is consistent with the State Implementation Plan for the attainment of clean air quality in the state. A qualitative PM2.5 hotspot analysis is not required for this project since it is NOT a project of local air quality concern under 40 CFR 93.123(b)(1). Therefore, the project meets statutory and regulatory transportation conformity requirements without a hot-spot analysis.

The construction of this project would result in a 5.4 to 7 decibel increase in traffic generated noise by the design year 2040, and two houses and one commercial site would approach or exceed the noise abatement criteria. No feasible noise abatement measures were identified for these sites.

In compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, the project has been surveyed for existing and eligible National Register properties. No existing or eligible archaeological resources were found to be located within the project's APE. Five eligible historic resources were identified within the project's APE, and the proposed project was determined to have No Adverse Effect on these resources. The proposed project would require the use of land from one of the five identified historic resources located within the project area, Resource CW-503. A *De Minimis finding* has been determined for the minor use of land from Resource CW-503.

In accordance with the Farmland Protection Policy Act of 1980, the criteria of 7 CFR, Part 658 have been applied to determine project effects on farmland. An evaluation of the proposed project found that the preferred alternative would directly displace approximately 48 acres and indirectly displace approximately 140 acres of farmland. Based on the assessment of these effects, no additional alternates need to be examined.

The proposed project would not affect any threatened or endangered plant or wildlife species, as none are located in or frequent the project area.

The proposed project has been surveyed for potential sites where contaminated soil and/or water from leaking underground storage tanks may exist. One potentially contaminated site that was identified has been investigated further; however, no contaminants were found.

Copies of the environmental document are available at this hearing for your review or by sending your request to:

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Georgia Department of Transportation
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**PROJECT DESCRIPTION/NEED AND PURPOSE FOR
Newnan Bypass Southeast Segment
CSSTP-0007-00(694), CSSTP-0006-00(877), and CSMSL-0006-00(293), Coweta County
PI No. 0007694, 0006877, and 0006293**

Need and Purpose

The construction of the Newnan Bypass Southeast Segment would provide a new north/south transportation corridor that includes access to large tracts of undeveloped land which are currently isolated between I-85 and US 29/27 Alt./SR 14 to the east and west, and Turkey Creek Road and SR 16 to the north and south, respectively. The development potential of those tracts of land are currently limited by the extent and degree of accessibility between the parcels and the primary road network, including efficient access to I-85. The result of this development within the project area is that traffic volumes would increase over time along both the Newnan Bypass Southeast Segment and US 29/27 Alt./SR 14. Without the construction of the Newnan Bypass Southeast Segment (the No-Build Condition), those tracts of land would most likely develop at a much slower rate. However, even with reduced development in the No-Build Condition (2040), the traffic volume along US 29/27 Alt./SR 14 would continue to increase without the Newnan Bypass Southeast Segment to provide an alternative north/south route in the area. Without the completion of the Newnan Bypass Southeast Segment, and based upon current travel patterns and activity areas, the future transportation demands of regional and local trips is expected to cause deteriorated functionality of the existing state highway arterials and collectors, as well as the local roadway network. As those routes become more congested, future traffic is anticipated to divert onto I-85 for use as an additional corridor for shorter inter-county trips between Interchange 41 at US 29/27 Alt./SR 14, Interchange 47 at SR 34 (Bullsboro Road) and the proposed interchange at Poplar Road. This diversion of shorter trips onto I-85 would compromise its intended function of high serviceability for long duration and distant trips. The construction of the Newnan Bypass Southeast Segment would divert future traffic onto the proposed roadway, reducing the future demand on the existing roadway network.

The purpose of the proposed project is to complete the construction of the SR 34/Newnan Bypass, a circumferential highway around the City of Newnan. The Newnan Bypass has been, and still remains a priority transportation initiative for Coweta County to improve access around the City of Newnan and to act as a catalyst to promote and support economic development in central Coweta County. The northeasterly and northwesterly segments of the Newnan Bypass have been previously constructed and are currently an integral part of the County's transportation network. Completion of Newnan Bypass Southeast Segment will support and promote economic development in this sector of Coweta County by providing: 1) an additional and alternate route for access between I-85 at Interchange 41 and commercial and industrial land uses in Newnan; 2) access to previously undeveloped land in close proximity to I-85; 3) additional capacity to supplement US 29/27 Alt./SR 14; and 4) advancing another segment toward the completion of the full circumferential route around Newnan.

Project Description

The proposed action is located near the center of Coweta County, to the southeast of the City of Newnan, and slightly northwest of Interstate 85 (I-85) Interchange 41 with US 29/27 Alt./SR 14. The proposed action is an assembly of three proposed transportation components which are interdependent and which have been combined as one comprehensive transportation solution providing independent utility and function. The three components are (1) the proposed Newnan

Bypass Southeast Segment project (GDOT PI No. 0007694), (2) the SR 16 improvement project (GDOT PI No. 0006877), and (3) the Pine Road at US 29/27 Alt./SR 14 and SR 16 intersection improvement project (GDOT PI No. 0006293). The PI No. 0007694 component is the southerly extension of the existing SR 34/Newnan Bypass, from its current terminus as an at-grade intersection with Turkey Creek Road extending for a distance of approximately 1.6 miles on new location to an at-grade intersection with SR 16 just to the west of the overpass carrying SR 16 over I-85. The PI No. 0006877 component includes the widening of a short section of SR 16 between the I-85 overpass (to the east) and the intersection with US 29/27 Alt./SR 14 (to the west) to provide the additional auxiliary and approach lanes to accommodate the Newnan Bypass Southeast Segment intersection with SR 16. The PI No. 0006293 component is the intersection and approach improvements to US 29/ 27 Alt./SR 14 at Pine Road and extending southerly along US 29/27 Alt./SR 14 toward I-85 Interchange 41 (see Figure 1: Project Location Map).

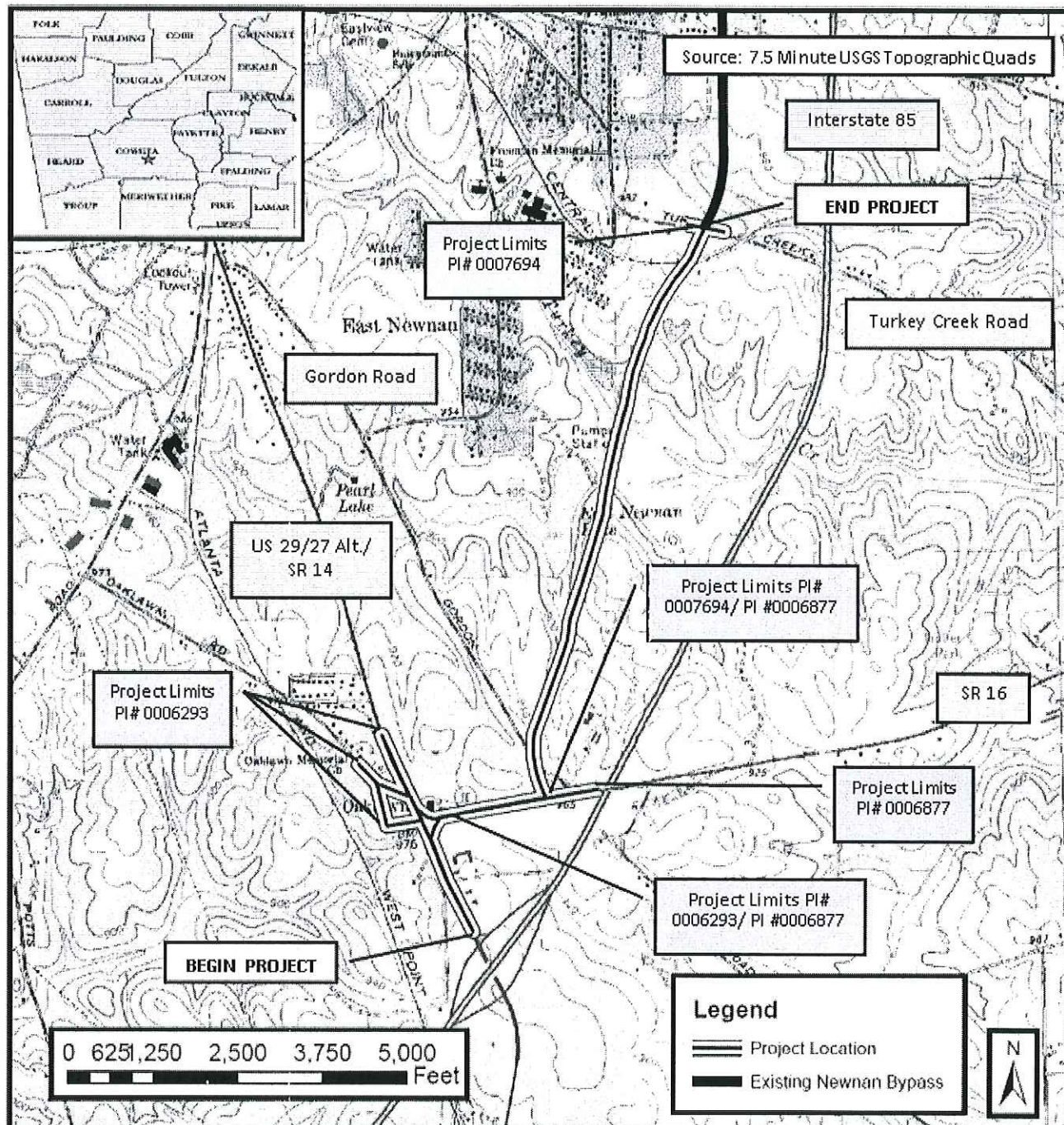


Figure 1: Project Location Map

	<p>Newnan Bypass Southeast Segment Coweta County, Georgia</p> <p>GDOT Projects CSSTP-0007-00(694), CSSTP-0006-00(877) & CSMSL-0006-00(293) PI #0007694, 0006877 & 0006293</p>	<p>Date: Oct 2012</p>
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**RIGHT-OF-WAY ACQUISITION FOR
Newnan Bypass Southeast Segment
CSSTP-0007-00(694), CSSTP-0006-00(877) & CSMSL-0006-00(293), Coweta County,
P.I. NOS. 0007694, 0006877 & 0006293**

Once a project is approved, the acquiring agency has the responsibility of appraising, purchasing and, if required, assisting individuals, families or businesses in relocating. When purchasing property, we desire to pay full market value for the necessary property. This value will be established by qualified real estate appraisers who will prepare written appraisals using actual sales data in the surrounding community.

In making an appraisal, the appraiser will contact each property owner and arrange a convenient time to make an on-site inspection of the property with them. After completion of the appraisal, the appraisal will be reviewed for accuracy to insure that all items relating to value have been considered in establishing the amount to be offered.

From our preliminary review, it appears that this project will, in most cases, require the purchase of only a part of most properties. When only a part of the property is needed, we will purchase that part plus pay for any loss of value to the remaining property in accordance with state law. In all cases, when the acquiring agency purchases property, we will make additional payments to property owners for the cost of transferring ownership to the acquiring agency. These costs generally include: transfer taxes, deed recording fees, mortgage pre-payment penalties and the *pro rata* share of city or county taxes.

The information pamphlet "What Happens When Your Property is Needed for a Transportation Facility" is available at the entrance. This booklet outlines the services offered and any payments for which you may be eligible, such as moving expenses and replacement housing benefits for owners and tenants. The brochure also outlines the eligibility requirements for receiving these payments.

Georgia Department of Transportation

Public Hearing Open House Comment Card

Project CSSTP-0007-00(694), CSSTP-0006-00(877) & CSMSL-0006-00(293)

Coweta County, P.I. No. 0007694, 0006877 & 0006293

Newnan Bypass Southeast Segment

Please print responses.

Name _____

Address _____

Do you support the project? ☐ For ☐ Against ☐ Conditional ☐ Uncommitted

Comments _____

How did you hear about this meeting? ☐ Radio ☐ Newspaper ☐ Signs ☐ Word of Mouth
☐ Other _____

Was the location of the meeting convenient for you to attend? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If no, please suggest a general location that is more convenient to your community.

Was the time of the meeting convenient for you to attend? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If no, please suggest a time frame that is more convenient for you. _____

Were your questions answered by GDOT personnel? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Do you understand the project after attending this meeting? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Please share your suggestions on improving the way GDOT conducts public meetings.

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